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SUBJECT: EU CORFU SUMMIT - FRENCH CLAIM SUPPORT FOR
RWANDA INITIATIVE

1. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON THE FRINGES OF THE EU
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SUMMIT MEETING IN CORFU ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 24,
FM JUPPE SAID "MORE AND MORE" COUNTRIES WERE
RALLYING BEHIND THE FRENCH INITIATIVE ON RWANDA.
JUPPE MENTIONED THE U.S. AMONG THOSE WHO WERE
CONSIDERING GIVING SUPPORT, WITHOUT SPECIFYING HOW
THE U.S. MIGHT CONTRIBUTE. HE LISTED SEVERAL EU
COUNTRIES (BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS (?), DENMARK,
THE U.K. AND SPAIN) AS OFFERING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT:
EITHER TRANSPORTATION, MEDICINE OR HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE. JUPPE SAID ITALY HAD ALREADY PUT AN
AIRCRAFT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE OPERATION AND

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MENTIONED THAT PM BERLUSCONI DURING A CONVERSATION WITH PM BALLADUR ON THE FRINGES OF THE EU SUMMIT HAD PROMISED TO SEND TROOPS. JUPPE ALSO NOTED THAT EGYPT HAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD SEND 40 OBSERVERS AND THAT MAURITANIA WOULD PROVIDE A MEDICAL TEAM.

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2. JUPPE STRESSED THAT UNSG BOUTROS-GHALI HAD WARMLY PRAISED THE "FRENCH GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE FRENCH PEOPLE" IN THIS MATTER. THE FRENCH ACTION, JUPPE CLAIMED, WAS ALREADY PRODUCING BENEFITS BY SPEEDING UP THE CONSTITUTION OF THE (SECOND) UNAMIR, TO WHICH CANADA HAD ALREADY PROMISED TO CONTRIBUTE. JUPPE ALSO NOTED THAT PAKISTAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER TROOPS FROM SOMALIA TO RWANDA. HE SAID THE FRENCH HAD PROPOSED TO THE UNSG THAT A CONTACT GROUP BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THE SETTING-UP OF THE UNAMIR. JUPPE FURTHER ARGUED THAT, FAR FROM HINDERING THE DIPLOMATIC PROCESS, THE FRENCH INITIATIVE SEEMED TO REVIVING EFFORTS. HE MENTIONED THAT FRENCH EMISSARIES HAD SPOKEN WITH

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RPF. ASKED BY JOURNALISTS TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION IN RWANDA, JUPPE SAID HE WAS RECEIVING MESSAGES SAYING THAT THE FRENCH TROOPS HAD BEEN WELCOMED BY THE POPULATION.

5. THE SITUATION IN RWANDA HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE EU LEADERS OR THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE TIME OF JUPPE'S PRESS BRIEFING. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TWELVE WOULD EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT IN A STATEMENT. HE SAID FRANCE FELT "MORALLY SUPPORTED" BY ITS EU PARTNERS.

6. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY (CFSP) STATEMENT ON RWANDA WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESIDENCY CONCLUSIONS ON JUNE 25:

BEGIN TEXT.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS HORROR AT THE GENOCIDE TAKING PACE IN RWANDA. THOSE RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL APPEALS URGENTLY TO ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO STOP THE WANTON KILLING OF CIVILIANS AND TO COME BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE TO WORK FOR PEACE AND

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SECURITY FOR ALL, ON THE BASIS OF THE ARUSHA
AGREEMENT.

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IT PARTICULARLY WELCOMES THE ADOPTION OF SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 929 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A TEMPORARY OPERATION, PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE
REINFORCED UNAMIR, TO PROTECT DISPLACED PERSONS,
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REFUGEES, AND CIVILIANS AT RISK IN RWANDA. THE
EUROPEAN COUNCIL WELCOMES THE 21 JUNE 1994 DECISION
OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS
OF ITS MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS OPERATION BY
ENSURING THE COORDINATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO
THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE TAKEN UP THE
BURDEN OF SO MANY REFUGEES AND ARE CONTRIBUTING TO
THE POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. THE
EUROPEAN UNION WILL FOR ITS PART CONTINUE AND
INCREASE ITS OWN HUMANITARIAN AID.

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